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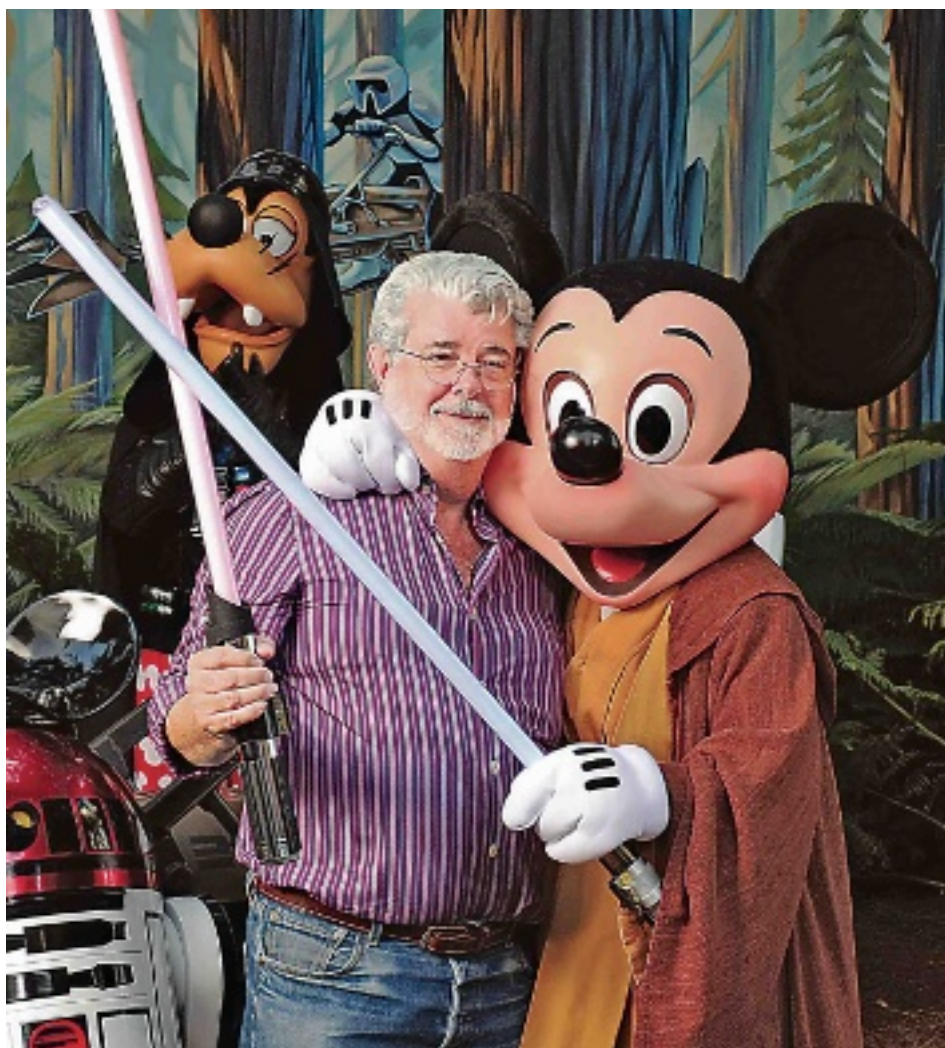
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MAY THE \$4.05B WITH YOU

Star Wars creator and filmmaker George Lucas meets a group of Star Wars-inspired Disney characters in August 2010 at Disney's Hollywood Studios theme park in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. The Walt Disney Co. announced Tuesday that it was buying Lucasfilm Ltd. for \$4.05 billion. For more on the story turn to Scene, page 10.

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U.S. firm tapped for CFL logo: Rival designer

New team. OSEG won't confirm rumour Morrow Creative Group to design brand to replace Rough Riders, Renegades



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A local designer says a U.S. design firm has been tapped by the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group (OSEG) to create the logo for the city's new CFL team expected to take the field at revamped Frank Clair Stadium in 2014. But OSEG is playing its cards close to its chest.

"I heard it from the horse. OSEG gave me confirmation," said Jacob Barrette,

a sports fan and graphic designer with local firm Le Collectif. A few weeks ago Barrette unveiled a logo and team name that he hoped would be in the running.

"I liked the Ottawa Highlanders," said Barrette, adding he was just about to order a run of hats with his design stitched on them. "It's always nice to have something that ties the name in with the city."

Barrette said he chose the name as a nod to the Cameron Highlanders who stormed the beaches of Normandy and were stationed at Lansdowne Park before joining the Allied forces in the Second World War.

"It would have been fun for local companies to get a fair look," he said. "We had developed branding logos for helmets and jerseys."

Randy Burgess, the Ottawa 67's vice-president who represents OSEG, said that the group has "engaged the services of a design firm," yet wouldn't confirm if it is the rumoured Oregon-based Morrow Creative Group.

The firm has done branding work for the NFL, NBA, Reebok, Cleveland Browns, Dallas Mavericks and Notre Dame.

"We've contracted a highly respected firm that has done tremendous branding work for teams across North America in recent years," he said, adding that city-wide contest for fans to name the team is now in the works.

"We hope to launch it within the next couple of weeks," he said. "It depends on the feedback that we get from the branding company."

Pictures of Sandy

Rising coffins, submerged cars and other damage PAGE 6

Jonas the giant

7-foot Lithuanian b-ball player Valanciunas keeps his cool before his regular-season NBA debut PAGE 17

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Land of Oz within grasp for Ottawa's aspiring Dorothy

Over the Rainbow.

LaRochelle still in the running for lead role in stage production of The Wizard of Oz

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Ottawa's Stephanie LaRochelle is one step closer to playing Dorothy in a stage production of The Wizard of Oz after making it through the latest round of CBC's Over the Rainbow. LaRochelle's uncle, Lou Lavolpicella, said he was at the show on Monday night in Toronto to see his niece advance to the final round.

"It was pretty exciting," he said. "She's been telling us this means everything to her." Lavolpicella said he first saw LaRochelle perform when she sang Tomorrow, from the musical Annie, when she was five or six.

"She was in front of a big

crowd and she just started belting out this song," he said. "The whole family was in tears when we heard her sing because we couldn't believe it."

Lavolpicella said he and other friends and family members have been travelling to Toronto from Ottawa every week to watch LaRochelle perform on the show. He said they only get about 20 minutes to see her when the show is over.

"They keep her really busy," said Lavolpicella. "They're up early in the morning rehearsing and doing appearances."

Lavolpicella said he has been using social media to get people to support his niece. He said she was recently surprised by a gift basket from Mayor Jim Watson.

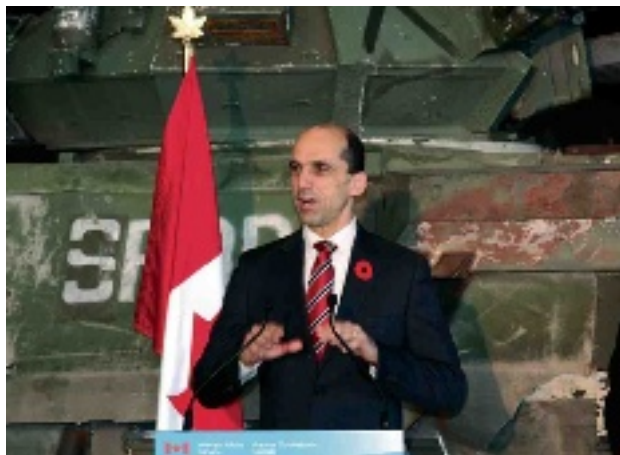
Final vote

Judges and fans will choose which of the final three contestants will wear the ruby slippers on Nov. 4.



Local singer and actress Stephanie LaRochelle is one of three contestants who made it to the final episode of CBC's talent show Over the Rainbow. CONTRIBUTED

Help on the way for vets' transition into civilian life



Veterans Affairs Minister Steven Blaney announces the Veterans Transition Action Plan at the Canadian War Museum. ALEX BOUTILIER/METRO

Veterans Affairs has released a high-level outline of its plan to address concerns raised by auditor general Michael Ferguson last week.

At a press conference on Tuesday, Veterans Affairs Minister Steven Blaney unveiled a five-point plan to help military personnel transition into civilian life.

The plan is loosely based around the themes of improving the delivery of services and access to those services.

"Within the next five years, we expect that the face of this department will change, because the face of our veterans are changing as well," Blaney told reporters at

the Canadian War Museum.

In a report released last week, Ferguson found that injured soldiers face a confusing set of bureaucratic hurdles to get the services and benefits they're entitled to.

In addition, the AG found that some service members received no help from either National Defence or Veterans Affairs in their transition to civilian life.

When asked what his department is doing to keep better records of where veterans end up after service, Blaney said his department is paying special attention to members released due to medical reasons.

The only dollar value that came with yesterday's announcement was \$600,000 over four years for the University of British Columbia's Veteran Transition Program.

The program, founded in 1999, offers group-based therapy for veterans after their service. The sessions focus on the transition process, dealing with the effects of trauma, and communication skills.

The government's investment means 10 more veterans per year can be fully funded in the program, which will operate in nine different centres in 2013.

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Paranormal activity

Feel like a Halloween scare? We take a look at the spookiest places in some Metro cities across Canada. For more cities and extended stories, visit metronews.ca

Edmonton

The McKay Avenue School is Edmonton's oldest brick schoolhouse, and it is reportedly haunted by a construction worker who fell from the roof while building an addition in 1912.



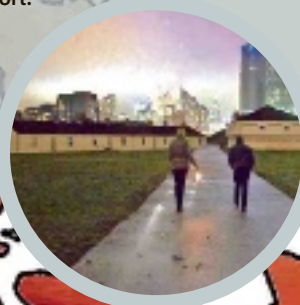
Regina

Tales of moving chairs and the sounds of footsteps are just regular occurrences at Government House. The 100-year-old residence has been used for everything from spectacular royal parties to an infirmary for Second World War veterans, and is said to be haunted by a former cook.



Toronto

Fort York was the site of a bloody battle back in 1813 and today, there have been many sightings of slain soldiers wandering the fort.



Halifax

The Five Fisherman Restaurant is known for its great food and ambience, but some swear this building from the 1800s is home to ghosts. Staff stories include glasses flying off shelves with no one around and cutlery on tables moving, then falling to the floor. There is even the story of a server being patted on the shoulder, only to turn around and see no one there.



Calgary

Popular downtown watering hole the Rose and Crown was formerly a funeral home. The pub is believed to be home to multiple ghosts, including a young boy who reportedly died there.



Ottawa

A spectral presence in a hotel room and eerie singing in a winding staircase prompt history buffs to explore the spooky tale of the owner of the Chateau Laurier, who perished on the Titanic.



Saskatoon

The Nutana Cemetery was where the first settlers of Saskatoon buried their loved ones, with the first recorded burial happening in 1884. It is said that on cold, dark nights, you can hear children crying.



London

Eldon House is one of London's oldest homes and is said to be haunted by Wenman Wynniatt, who died on his way to meet his love there. Legend has it he returned from the afterlife immediately after his sudden death to say goodbye to his lady.



Vancouver

Benedictine monks, a fake archbishop who hid a criminal past and several orphaned children, are said to haunt the grounds of Ceperley House and the James Cowan Theatre in Burnaby, B.C.



Winnipeg

The Manitoba Museum has many artifacts from different time periods — and rumoured spirits attached to those artifacts, drawing the attention of paranormal researchers.



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Toby Land trial. St. Cyr admits to fatal sword stabbing in front of jury

A man who testified in the Toby Land trial Tuesday admitted to the jury he was the one who stabbed Dominic Doyon in their lower-town apartment on May 4, 2009.

Before Carl St. Cyr got hold of the sword, he said he struck Doyon at least four times with one of his aluminum crutches, which broke to pieces.

"I was kind of smiling, losing-my-mind type of thing" before grabbing the sword from Land's hands and stabbing Doyon in the torso, he recalled.

St. Cyr is serving a jail sentence after pleading guilty to manslaughter in April. Land, his former roommate, is on trial on a charge of second-degree murder in connection with the same incident.

St. Cyr told the jury that it was easy for the sword to go into the victim's body. He said he pulled the sword about a third or halfway out, and then plunged it in again.

"I don't remember what Toby was doing. I looked at Toby and I saw blood on him," said St. Cyr.

Land admitted in his testimony that he struck Doyon's

Confessing

"I'm here to clear my mind, my heart.... I'm not here for you, I'm not here for Toby."

Carl St. Cyr

head and hands with a hammer.

After the attack, St. Cyr said he changed his shorts, put the sword in a bag and fled the scene in a taxi with Land. When they got out of the cab, he wanted to discard the sword.

"I tried to put the sword in the sewer. I think it was two kicks and it went right in," he said.

In cross-examination, St. Cyr denied the suggestion by the Crown that he would gain respect in jail for what he did. He fired back that "what's done is done" and he wanted to get everything off his chest by testifying.

Land told Det. Sean Gordon that the incident began when he confronted Doyon, 32, about dating a 15-year-old girl.

JOE LOFARO/METRO

Wine judge responds to contestant's sour grapes



Louis Gaal, co-owner of Blue Gypsy Wines, says he is skipping the Ottawa Wine and Food Festival, which begins Nov. 7, because no prizes were given to competitors in the fruit-wine category, which he entered as part of the Ottawa Wine Challenge. ROSANNA HAROUTOUNIAN/METRO

Vino discrimination?

Local winery cries foul over competition, but organizers say quality was lacking

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Louis Gaal, co-owner of Blue Gypsy Wines, says he's skipping the Ottawa Wine and Food Festival because of the way the wine challenge is run.

Gaal says he paid \$150 to enter three bottles in the fruit-wine category, in which no prizes were awarded. He says no prizes were awarded last year in the category, either.

"The problem isn't that

Whine-off

"I've heard more than one person say that fruit wines aren't really wines."

Louis Gaal, co-owner of Blue Gypsy Wines, who is boycotting the Wine and Food Festival

we didn't win an award," said Gaal. "You can't hold a contest and charge people a significant amount of money and then not award a prize (to anyone)."

Janet Dorozynski, wine advisor to the festival and co-head judge of the Wine Challenge, says Gaal is probably confused about how wine competitions work.

"If the judging panel feels the wines in that category have not reached a certain level, they're not awarded a medal," said Dorozynski. "If the acidity is too high or if the sugar level is not in balance, then it's not a well-made wine."

Dorozynski says fruit wines have been awarded medals in other years, and that other categories have gone without medals in the past as well.

Gaal says he wasn't aware of the standards that the judges consider when awarding prizes. He says the judges may not be qualified to judge fruit wines, or may think fruit wines are inferior to grape-based wines.

Dorozynski says all the judges are well-qualified to evaluate any wine in the competition.

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Blast from past: Dud bomb shuts down airport

Jitters in Japan. All 92 flights in and out of Sendai are cancelled after wartime relic is unearthed on runway

A major airport in northern Japan was closed Tuesday after construction workers found an unexploded bomb believed to be from the Second World War.

All 92 flights in and out of Sendai airport were cancelled after the 250-kilogram bomb was uncovered during construction near a runway, police official Hiroshi Ouchi said.

The bomb was identified as American-made and is believed to be a dud from the war.

It appeared to have a working detonator, and a

Deadly rain

The United States heavily bombed Japanese cities during the Second World War, and finding unexploded bombs is not unusual, even 67 years after Japan's surrender.

- **Tokyo tally.** Dozens of duds are uncovered in Tokyo every year.



military bomb squad was considering whether to move the bomb or explode it on the spot. Sandbags were piled up around the bomb. Officials said nearby homes might be evacuated.

They added the area had been sealed off and there was no immediate concern the bomb would explode.

Sendai airport, a regional hub for travel into northern Japan, was closed for months due to severe damage from last year's tsunami.

It is still undergoing reconstruction.

Officials said the airport would reopen as soon as the bomb was considered secure, possibly by Wednesday morning.

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Enough! Fed-up French PM orders ministers to attend classes on sexism

Politicians in France — which produced feminist icons such as Joan of Arc and Simone de Beauvoir — are going back to school.

They'll study ... sexism.

French Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault ordered the training after a series of gaffes by his ministers.

All of France's 38 ministers have signed up or are in the process of registering.

In the interest of gender equality, the female ministers are going, too.

Organizer Caroline de Haas says 80 per cent of politicians interviewed on French TV and radio broadcasts are men. She wants to fight

Sweden's role

The anti-sexism training initiative comes — rather unsurprisingly — from Sweden.

- **Impressive.** Sweden tops the Global Gender Gap report list on female-male equality.
- **Unimpressive.** France is trailing at 48th place on the equality list.

against the "illusion" that France "has almost achieved equality." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egypt orders probe

Sex assaults mar Muslim holiday

Egypt has declared war on sexual harassment.

President Mohammed Morsi has ordered his interior minister to investigate a rash of assaults during a just-ended Muslim holiday.

Morsi's government reported 735 police complaints about sexual harassment over the four-day Eid al-Adha holiday.

Morsi stressed the need

to fight "all phenomena of moral chaos and abuses, especially harassment in Egyptian streets," spokesperson Yasser Ali said.

Tahrir Square, the centre of last year's uprising, has been the scene of a number of assaults against women — both protesters and journalists — in the aftermath of the revolution.

This month, a correspondent for France 24 TV was "savagely attacked" near Tahrir after being seized by a crowd.

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Carnage in Syria

Airstrikes leave mangled bodies

Airstrikes by Syrian jets and shells from tanks levelled a neighbourhood in a restive city near the capital Damascus on Tuesday, killing 18 people, activists said.

At least five rebel fighters died nearby in clashes with regime troops.

The airstrikes on Douma, northeast of the capital, left residents scampering over a huge expanse of rubble, and

using their hands to dig up mangled bodies, according to activist videos posted online.

Tuesday's airstrikes came a day after what activists called the heaviest and most widespread bombing campaign nationwide — on what was to be the final day of an internationally sanctioned truce that never took hold.

The death toll for what was supposed to be a four-day ceasefire ending Monday exceeded 500.

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'It is a devastating sight right now'



Brian Hajeski, 41, reacts as he looks at debris of a home that washed up onto the Mantoloking Bridge on Tuesday, the morning after Superstorm Sandy rolled through Mantoloking, N.J. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tough road ahead. Sandy will end up causing about \$20B in property damage and \$10B-\$30B more in lost business: Global Insight

The most destructive storm in decades to hit the most densely populated U.S. region cut off modern communication and left millions without power Tuesday, as thousands who fled their waterlogged homes wondered when — if — life would return to normal.

A weakening Sandy, the hurricane turned fearsome superstorm, killed at least 50

people during its path through the U.S., many hit by falling trees, and still wasn't finished. It inched inland across Pennsylvania, ready to bank toward western New York state to dump more of its water and likely cause more havoc Tuesday night.

"Nature," said New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, assessing the damage to his city, "is an awful lot more powerful than we are."

More than 8.2 million households were without power in 17 states as far west as Michigan.

One of the most dramatic tales came from lower Manhattan, where a failed backup generator forced New York University's Tisch Hospital to

relocate more than 200 patients, including 20 babies from neonatal intensive care. Dozens of ambulances lined up in the rainy night and the tiny patients were gingerly moved out, some attached to battery-powered respirators as gusts of wind blew their blankets.

What damage could be seen on the coastline Tuesday was, in some locations, staggering. "Unthinkable," New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said of what unfolded along the Jersey Shore, where houses were swept from their foundations and amusement park rides were washed into the ocean.

"It is beyond anything I thought I'd ever see. It is a devastating sight right now."

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Is climate change to blame?

For more than a dozen years, climate scientists have been warning about the risk for big storms and serious flooding in New York.

- But they say it's unfair to blame climate change for Sandy and its destruction.
- "The ingredients of this storm seem a little bit cooked by climate change, but the overall storm is difficult to attribute to global warming," Canada's University of Victoria climate scientist Andrew Weaver said.

Worst is over in Ontario. Toronto bears brunt of damage here in Canada

Superstorm Sandy has left tens of thousands of people without power in Ontario and Quebec, though experts say the worst appears to be over.

Environment Canada says the massive weather system dwindled overnight and should continue to weaken, but notes the provinces are still in for some wet, windy weather.

In Ontario, Toronto was hardest hit as 60,000 customers were without electricity Tuesday morning, leading to



A felled tree crushed a house in Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

the closure of more than a dozen schools for the day. THE CANADIAN PRESS

So not PC. Loblaw label accused of 'tasteless' storm-related tweet

President's Choice has apologized for an "insensitive" tweet about the superstorm that has left many Canadians with a bad taste.

The private label of Loblaw posted Tuesday: "What's scarier? Hurricane #Sandy or a beverage with marshmallow eyeballs?" It linked to a recipe for "marshmallow bloodshot eyeballs," which suggests cutting marshmallows in half and putting a grape or blueberry in the middle.

The account was flooded

with replies criticizing the tweet as "awful" and "tasteless" for making light of a storm that killed more than 100 people across North America and the Caribbean, including a woman in Toronto.

President's Choice tweeted again about an hour later to say it was sorry.

"We sincerely apologize for the insensitive tweet," the company wrote. "We understand the seriousness of the storm and didn't intend to make light of it." THE CANADIAN PRESS

The morning after



1 N.Y.C. bright lights. Snuffed out

A darkened Manhattan is viewed Tuesday after much of the city lost electricity. SPENCER PLATT/GETTY IMAGES

2 Definitely post-tropical. In W.Va

Joe Bays shovels snow in front of his home in Beckley, W.Va. The storm dumped up to 48 centimetres of snow in West Virginia. JON C. HANCOCK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3 Six feet under. Not deep enough

A casket floated out of the grave in a cemetery in Crisfield, Md. ALEX BRANDON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 City's driving force. Flooded

Cars float in a flooded subterranean basement in the financial district of New York City. ANDREW BURTON/GETTY IMAGES

5 Community. Incredible loss

Robert Connolly, left, embraces his wife Laura as they survey the remains of the home owned by her parents that burned to the ground in the Breezy Point section of New York. More than 50 homes were destroyed in the fire that swept through the oceanfront community during the storm. MARK LENNIHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHAT'S GIVING YOU GOOSEBUMPS THIS HALLOWEEN



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Happy Halloween, the scariest day of the year. And if you think it's all fake blood, makeup and masks, this list of the Seven Scariest Things Happening Right Now will wipe that silly zombie

grin off your face.

1 Mother Nature gone wild. Earthquakes and tsunamis on the West Coast; Perfect Storm Sandy on the East Coast. Why has Gaia gone gaga? Is it something we did?

2 Death by Mitt-adventure. Mitt Romney must figure he's suffering from some Halloween curse. At the very moment it looks as if his U.S. presidential campaign is poised to take off, he is foiled by an Act of God that elevates Barack Obama, his opponent. It doesn't help that he was caught on camera during the Republican primary, saying it was "immoral" to borrow money for disaster relief. It's bad enough that the New York Times has endorsed Obama, but God? Geez, Louise.

3 ...and 39 minutes later. Not sure if it was immoral or not, but the U.S. response to the 7.7-magnitude earthquake off Haida Gwaii Saturday night was 39 minutes faster than the B.C. government's. The quake happened at 8:04 p.m.; the U.S. sent out a tsunami warning at 8:16. The B.C. government followed with a tsunami tweet at 8:55, long after everyone should have gone to higher ground. B.C. Premier Christy Clark was happy with her province's response. Nobody died, she said cheerfully. This time.

4 Equal time for the undead. Tony Bennett makes another album of duets with people who can still sing, play instruments and stand upright. For a man who recorded his first album in 1952, a hearty pat on the back ... and two words of advice: enough, already.

5 Speaking of creepy. Then there's Anne Coulter. If Tony Bennett should step aside for Michael Bublé or something, Anne Coulter should be subject to a restraining order. The scariest blond on the block calls the president of the United States a "retard" in her outside voice, and refuses to take it back or apologize, no matter how many Special Olympians she has offended.

6 Lost in cyberspace. The head of Apple's iPhone-software development loses his head over the iPhone 5 Maps application that directs people into the Twilight Zone more often than Google Maps, which it unwisely replaces. Almost simultaneously (or at least posthumously) the 260-foot yacht of deceased Apple founder Steve Jobs is launched. I hope it's using Google Maps to navigate.

7 Most Haunted — NOT! The annual list of most haunted places in Canada is doing the rounds again this year, and the usual suspects — the Banff Springs Hotel, Fort Henry in Kingston, Ont., and Gastown's Blood Alley — are on the list. But Canada's Scariest Place didn't even make the list: Where's Toronto City Hall? Rob Ford is comin' to git ya.

Endangered moth larva a scary sight



LUI WEBER/REX FEATURES

Animal behaviour

Larva of moth is fit for Halloween

If prizes for Halloween costumes were handed out in the natural world, this scary skull-faced creepy-crawly would surely win.

This extraordinary specimen is the larva of the pink underwing moth (*Phyllodes imperialis*), an endangered species only found in the Australian rainforest. **METRO**

Photographer's viewpoint

"Sadly, this moth is very rare. I only know of a single adult seen last year, so I do not have photographs of the adult yet. This southern subspecies is listed as nationally endangered in Australia."

Botanist/ecologist and photographer Lui Weber explains

Habitat

Photographer keeps finding more

All but one of the habitat locations are in south-eastern Queensland, but Lui says more discoveries are being made.

"It was only known to breed in a single location in upland rainforest. But this year I have discovered another three locations and a colleague has located one additional site, making five locations in total," Lui says.

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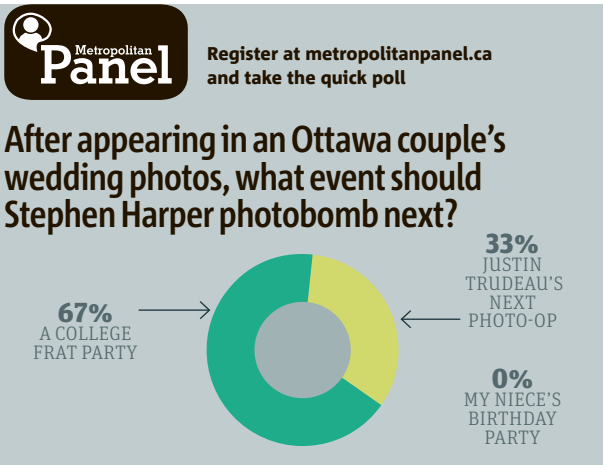
Conservation efforts

Moth currently looking for a home

The Australian government has placed the caterpillar on its endangered list. "Potential breeding habitat is restricted to areas where the caterpillar's food plant, a native rainforest vine, occurs in subtropical rainforest," the government said. "Adult pink underwing moths require the darkness supplied by the vine to breed." **METRO**



Mitt Romney helps at a storm-relief event in Kettering, Ohio, on Tuesday. Hopefully, he isn't compromising his moral beliefs. GETTY IMAGES



Twitter

@DennisInOttawa: The leaves on my lawn!! They're gone... All of them, gone! The horror, the horror! ~Morning after Super Storm Sandy hit Ottawa

@Natcampeau: Would it be socially acceptable if I took a nap on my desk in the Ottawa u library? #fallingasleep

@PaulRenaud15: The 1 to Ottawa rockcliff is the most reliable bus ever. 10 min-

utes late EVERYTIME! (N) #OttawaProblems

@RachelRobyn: My dog's an a--ole. I know this already. Random strangers of Ottawa, you don't need to fill me in. I'm way ahead of you on this one

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Data centres down.
Superstorm Sandy shuts
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downtown Manhattan,
affecting popular sites

Flooded data centres in downtown Manhattan brought down Gawker, Huffington Post and many popular New York-based blogs Tuesday while phone and cable companies were scrambling to assess damage and restore service in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

News and gossip site Gawker.com was still down in the afternoon, but Huffington Post was back online. Their webhost, Datagram Inc., said that power was out and that flooding in their basement was preventing their backup

generators from pumping fuel. Internet connectivity from three providers was also down.

Verizon Communications Inc., the biggest phone company in the region, said some facilities in downtown Manhattan are flooded, shutting down phone and Internet service.

Renesys Corp., which monitors the pathways of the Internet, said the storm caused major outages in New Jersey and New York. The city is a major transit point for international telecommunications traffic, and the firm said carriers were scrambling to route traffic around it.

Cablevision Systems Corp., which serves parts of Long Island, New York City and New Jersey, says it experienced widespread outages due to the loss of power.

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Stock exchange closed for second day

The streets surrounding the New York Stock Exchange are deserted Tuesday as financial markets remained closed for the second day due to Superstorm Sandy. Trading has rarely stopped for weather. A blizzard led to a late start and an early close on Jan. 8, 1996, according to the exchange's parent company, NYSE Euronext. The NYSE shut down on Sept. 27, 1985 for Hurricane Gloria. The exchange is expected to reopen Wednesday for regular trading.

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Calgary

TransCanada plants survive Sandy's wrath

TransCanada says its power-generating operations in the northeastern U.S. made it through Superstorm Sandy in good shape. The firm's president of energy and oil pipelines says the Ravenswood Power Plant in New York City churned out electricity throughout Monday night and Tuesday.

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Ottawa

Culture organization shuttered in wake of federal cuts

A cultural group founded by artists including Group of Seven member Lawren Harris is suspending operations after 67 years, a victim of federal spending cuts. The Canadian Conference of the Arts, the largest national alliance of the arts, culture and heritage sector, says it will start winding down its work.

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Maps app

Apple asks iPhone software exec to resign

The head of Apple's iPhone-software development was asked to resign after he refused to sign a letter apologizing for the flaws in Apple's mapping application, according to a published report.

The Wall Street Journal says Scott Forstall's refusal was the latest clash between him and other

executives, and it led to the company's announcement Monday that he is stepping down and leaving the company next year. Forstall's unit was responsible for the Maps application, which has been unfavourably compared to the Google Maps app it replaced.

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Scott Forstall,
senior VP of iPhone
software **AP FILE**

Canada-China deal

Petition calls for feds to reject investment treaty

Opposition parties and activists are ramping up their campaign against the Canada-China investment deal in the hopes of stalling the agreement. Activist groups are handing MPs a petition with more than 60,000 signatures calling on the federal government to reject the investment treaty.

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Walt Disney Company President and CEO Bob Iger, left, Star Wars creator George Lucas and actor Anthony Daniels attend the grand opening ceremonies for Star Tours — The Adventures Continue at Disney's Hollywood Studios theme park. DAVID ROARK/GETTY IMAGES

LucasFilm flies into new era

Walt Disney. The Star Wars franchise, built from the ground up by George Lucas, sold for death-star-size sum of \$4.05 billion

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The Walt Disney Company has purchased LucasFilm — which was behind the colos-

sal Star Wars franchise — for \$4.05 billion, the company announced Tuesday.

In addition, Disney announced that a new Star Wars film — rumoured to be Episode 7, which would follow Return of the Jedi chronologically — will be released in 2015.

That film will be just the beginning, as a Disney insider tells Metro that the new film “will be followed by Episodes 8 and 9, and our long term plan is to release a new Star Wars feature film every two to three years.”

He added that the company believes “there’s substantial pent-up demand” for more Star Wars films.

“For the past 35 years, one of my greatest pleasures has been to see Star Wars passed from one generation to the next,” franchise creator George Lucas said in a statement. “It’s now time for me to pass Star Wars on to a new generation of filmmakers.”

LucasFilm co-chair Kathleen Kennedy will become president of LucasFilm, while Lucas will serve as a creative consultant for any new films.

Celeb tweets

Here is what some of the celebrity fans are saying about the switch.

- **Patton Oswalt (@pattonoswalt).** Not saying Twitter’s in a nerd frenzy about the Disney/Lucasfilm STAR WARS VII news, but I tried to post earlier & got my arm ripped off.
- **Harry Knowles (@headgeek666).** Busy running a mini-army to get ready for Halloween. But, this STAR WARS/LUCASFILM/DISNEY thing — it’s what I as a fan have dreamt of. YES!
- **Paul Scheer (@paulscheer).** I just got so excited when I heard they were making
- **Han Solo (@hansolo).** I’m mostly just excited for Star Wars theme parks.

a Star Wars VII then I remembered the last three.

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Evan Rachel Wood and Jamie Bell

Secretive couple's wedding may have flown under radar

Several gossip sites were predicting that Evan Rachel Wood and Jamie Bell were set to get married later this week, but it seems the secretive couple have already taken care of that, according to the Daily Mail.

The pair was spotted in line at LAX sporting match-

ing gold wedding bands — with Wood carrying a bag from lingerie boutique Kiki De Montparnasse, which would suggest they're off on some honeymoon-related activities.

Earlier this month, Wood and Bell were spotted at the Beverly Hills City marriage license office.



Russell Brand

Man sues Russell Brand over reported hit-and-run

An old vehicular mishap is apparently coming back to haunt Russell Brand, as a Los Angeles man is now suing the comedian for reportedly hitting him with his car and fleeing the scene back in January,

according to TMZ.

The man, Victor Sneed, claims Brand was driving "negligently" at the time, and he's suing for \$25,000 to cover hospital bills and lost wages from the alleged incident.

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Lance Bass not bothered over Timberlake wedding snub

Lance Bass doesn't harbor any hard feelings toward Justin Timberlake for not getting invited to Timberlake's recent lavish wedding in Italy.

"No one was invited to Justin's wedding. None of *NSYNC were invited," Bass tells Hollyscoop. "They had a small group

of people. We did an engagement party for him, but nothing since then."

Bass must not have read the reports from *US Weekly* last week that *NSYNC members JC Chasez and Chris Kirkpatrick did in fact score invites.

But Bass and Timberlake seem to agree on one thing: "I highly doubt that we will ever have a reunion," Bass says.

"I mean, never say never. But it won't be any time soon."

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Theron, Hardy butting heads on set

Tensions are reportedly running high on the set of the *Mad Max* remake — and it's all due to Tom Hardy's method acting, which is driving co-star Charlize Theron crazy, according to Radar Online.

"Charlize and Tom are just not getting on together," a source says.

"In between takes Tom likes to stay in character and is constantly talking to himself and mumbling things. Charlize has tried

to talk to him during breaks in filming, but he shuts himself off from the rest of the cast."

The source adds that Theron thinks Hardy is "a weirdo."



Charlize Theron

Simpson busted after wife finds photo of young male model

Joe Simpson's alleged affair with a 21-year-old male model apparently only came to light when his wife, Tina Simpson, discovered some photos of the young man, Bryce Chandler Hill, in her home and confronted her husband, according to Radar Online.

"Joe got busted after Tina found some modeling pictures of Bryce in her home," a source says. "They were taken in and around the house, and she was suspicious because she didn't have a clue who the boy was."

After finding photos of Joe and Bryce together, Tina decided to confront Joe, who was on a trip to New York at the time — so that's just where she went, according to the website.

"When she got there,



Joe Simpson

she called him down to the lobby and they thrashed it out," the source says.

"It was there and then that Joe confessed he was having a gay affair with Bryce, who had left the hotel just days earlier, and Tina demanded a divorce."

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Half Moon Golf Club is located just beyond the craggy coastline of Montego Bay. HANDOUT

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Tee time. The Jamaican Open offers a laid-back chance for amateurs to hit the links with the pros



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A favourite stop of royalty and high society, Montego Bay's posh Half Moon, A Rock Resort, hosts both amateurs and pros in a prestigious and fun annual championship dating from 1953.

Teeing off under the sway-

ing palms alongside Jim Thorpe, Olin Browne, Russ Cochran and other golf stars in the Jamaica Open is a fantasy come true for amateur golfers.

Just as much fun is the beachside après-golf parties with new celebrity friends at the resort, which is the host and sponsor of the national championship.

Played Nov. 28 to Dec. 1, the tourney is open to both professionals and amateurs who carry a maximum handicap of 5.0.

Far more democratic is the one-day pro-am preceding the main event, which accepts entries from teams of three golfers of varying abilities (provided each golfer carries an official handicap) for the entry fee of \$600 (all prices in U.S. dollars).

Perhaps as big a draw as

the Jamaica Open's purse of \$85,000 is the opportunity for golfers to luxuriate for a few days at a Caribbean resort whose guest list has included the Queen and John and Jacqueline Kennedy, who enjoyed a month-long vacation here just prior to his inauguration as U.S. president in 1961.

Half Moon takes its name from the property's famous crescent-shaped beach of pure white sand, which in 1954 inspired investors to turn an abandoned sugar plantation into one of the world's elite resorts.

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tion, yet with all the modern amenities.

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But the focus for golfers is Half Moon Golf Club, a lushly tropical Robert Trent Jones Sr. design opened in 1961 (and masterfully updated by Roger Rulewich in 2005) that flows seamlessly through gentle foothills just beyond the craggy coastline.

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Put Valencia on your Spanish to-do list

Hidden gem. Historic city is just beginning to hit travellers' radar with its beaches, food and signature cocktail, the agua de Valencia

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Once overlooked by visitors, Valencia is coming into its own, offering a growing gastronomic scene and laid-back Mediterranean vibe — and it makes an easy side-trip from Madrid or Barcelona.

This historic city has been around for more than 2,000 years and still retains elements from its Roman, Arabic and Christian rulers. Wander its narrow cobblestone streets and take in the Gothic and Baroque architecture — or hit the beach.

Valencia has seven kilometres of beaches, with plenty of eateries and drinking holes along the promenade in Las Arenas and Malvarrosa (locals

say this is the best place for paella, a traditional dish made with saffron-flavoured rice).

Tapas: Bodega Casa Montaña is a centuries-old tavern in the El Cabanal neighbourhood, with a well-stocked cellar featuring Spanish wines. Pass through the packed tavern and duck underneath the bar to find private rooms at the back. The menu features rustic tapas with local ingredients — the anchovies come from Santona (in season) and the sardines come straight from the boats in Castellón. Try the tavern's classic tapas, including michirones (cooked fava beans) and codfish croquettes.

Cocktails: El Café de las Horas is a charming literary café that's well worth a visit, not only for its décor — mosaic floors, glittery chandeliers and a starry ceiling — but also for its unique selection of cocktails. Try the Rose Tea Royale, made with rose tea, rose essence and Cava (the Spanish version of Champagne), along with some cold tapas.

And forget sangria! Try the local drink, agua de Valencia, which, as it turns out, is a lot

stronger than agua. Here's how to make it: Combine Cava (or sparkling wine, if you can't find it at home) with vodka, triple sec and a splash of orange juice.

Paella: Thirty per cent of the rice produced in Spain comes from the surrounding Albufera Nature Reserve and town of Sueca. Try the promenade or the village of El Palmar to taste the Valencian version of paella; Restaurante La Lola offers a variety of gourmet versions. Look for Valencian rice in delicatessens and markets to take home (you'll pay about 2.50 euros for a sac, compared to about \$15 in Canada — if you can find it).

Wine: The region has close to 18,000 hectares of vineyards, producing red, rosé and white wines from about 80 different wineries. Try Mistela, a local favourite made from the Moscatel grape, which has a sweet taste. Bodegas Gandia is one of the largest wine-makers here and offers tours around its Hoya de Cadenas winery.

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Look around you. A chaotic cubicle could indicate to co-workers that professionalism isn't your priority

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Whether we like it or not, our desks say a lot about us.

If you're entering the workforce for the first time as a student or new grad, it's easy to overlook the small details of your working life and focus solely on fitting in with your new office.

Ultimately, your personality, work ethic and professional skills will be what allow you to succeed in your career, but there is a lot to be said for how you handle your personal space. Unnecessary clutter, for example, can cause you to appear disheveled and make your co-workers take you less seriously.

Avoiding these common trends can ensure that if your desk absolutely insists on talking about you, it will only have good things to say.

Itching to leave

It's nice to personalize your space. In fact, doing so creates the idea that you are committed for the long haul, which an employer will look highly upon. That being said, the 800 photos of your Jamaican cruise and countdown calendar to your next vacation don't reflect well. They suggest that you'd rather be anywhere but here.

Tip: Limit the number of photos you post so you don't



If you're going to let your space speak for you, make sure it's dishing out the compliments. ISTOCK

appear eager to run out the door.

No man's land

On the other end of the spectrum, your desk shouldn't be so empty that people forget someone actually sits there. Too many photos and memorabilia items send a negative message, but a complete lack of them sends a different yet equally off-putting thought. People might think you're reluctant to settle down with the company.

Tip: Nobody needs to know about your ongoing Pokemon obsession, but a family photo or two makes it seem like a human being actually works there.

Childhood nostalgia

Small toys often occupy some desk spaces. Slinkies. Bobbleheads. Tiny race cars. These add a sense of fun to your desk and express your imagination and

laid-back attitude. That being said, an overabundance of toys can also suggest a lack of focus.

Tip: Your desk should indicate that you're approachable, not five years old. Keep the slinky and throw out the Etch-a-Sketch.

Snacks and Starbucks

Depending on your work environment, eating at your desk may be common practice.

Taking festive too far?

Every day is a holiday

- Halloween brings forth tiny carved pumpkins. Christmas finds your desk completely strung with lights, and Easter features a giant pile of decorated eggs. Although festive, this indicates you have nothing better to do at work, making your boss question both your priorities and commitment to your job.

- Tip: Bring in Halloween treats and hang up a stocking. End of story.

However, if you're one of those people who likes to eat little portions throughout the day, make sure you don't let empty containers and wrappers pile up. This makes you appear messy and distracted (and as though you have nothing better to do than continually go for coffee breaks).

Tip: Use a reusable coffee mug to cut down on the number of Starbucks cups piling up by your monitor.

Post-it note central

If a slight breeze could potentially tear your organization apart, it's time to change your strategy. Writing a quick note to yourself might make you feel on top of things, but an abundance of them makes you appear disorganized to others.

Tip: A notebook (or better yet, an online calendar which can notify you before you're supposed to do something) is a much more efficient way to stay organized.

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You crawl into work. Settle into your chair. Turn to your co-worker, ask how their evening was and get their take on the latest Perez release. Now that you're caught up, you casually look out the window and wonder what you'll make for dinner that evening. All that thinking about food reminds you that you haven't yet had your morning coffee. Off you saunter, leaving your piles of work until the last minutes of the day, at which point you pound on that keyboard like it owes you money to get your reports in on time as you wonder where the day went.

If this sounds like your typical work day, it's time for a time management makeover.

To make the transition from caffeine-fuelled work rampage to the cool and collected colleague you know you can be, here are some tips for time management in the office.

Pull yourself together, man

Chances are you don't have a handy-dandy secretary sitting outside your cubicle ready to get your life in order. It's up to you. First step to time management is figuring out how much time you have to manage. Get a calendar, an agenda, an online organizer or whatever tools you need to break down your day into a logical schedule. Add dates, goals and deadlines to your schedule so you can visually see your work in terms of time and organize yourself accordingly.

Make lists, not excuses

To-do lists aren't just for soccer moms anymore. Trying to keep track of everything in your brain is a heavy task, but putting pen to paper ensures that those tasks won't be forgotten. Writing down the things you have to do will help organize your projects so you can start getting things done. Be realistic when writing lists of your projects and try separating your items by what you need to do



Learning to manage your time and workload in the office can help you avoid those very stressful ups and downs. ISTOCK

that day and what is not really time sensitive. Having a daily to-do list will help organize your time and give you a sense of what needs to be done when, ensuring your tasks don't accumulate to an impossibly busy Friday afternoon.

Go after the big fish first

You may pride yourself on writing emails in perfect iambic pentameter, but if you are spending all day penning a few short messages, it's time to re-think your priorities. With your time organized and your lists written, separate the tasks that need to get done now from those that can wait until you have a spare moment. Try and get the little things out of the way first and prioritize the major projects over things that are less time sensitive.

Don't be an enabler

If Facebook, G-chat, and Twitter commandeer most of your time at work, don't even give them the option of coming aboard your work schedule. Instead of having Facebook or your personal email account open in the background, leave your distractions for your break and close them down when you get back to work.

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I am a 24-year-old athlete with three major transitions that have led me to where I am today. My first transition was from high school to university. At 17 years old, I was nearing the end of my high school career and started to consider my options for the future. As an accomplished tennis player, I had a few choices for my next step, which included pro tennis, university in Canada or a tennis scholarship in the United States. I was on the fence because I thought I could be successful on the pro tour, but at the same time university seemed like the logical option. I ended up accepting a full tennis scholarship at UCLA. I chose school over the pros and it was one of the best decisions I've made. The second transition was from undergraduate to graduate school when I entered



Stephanie Wetmore PROVIDED

Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. for sports management. Grad school helped me step out of my comfort zone and apply the material I was being taught in the workforce. After finishing grad school, I'm now experiencing my third (and most difficult) transition. My path of education is complete, and I'm now setting out to create a new one in the communications field.

What I'm doing now
During my graduate program, I started working as an assistant tennis coach at Georgetown, which was a change from being an athlete. I'm now working part-time as an assistant tennis coach at Georgetown and part-time as a communications intern at Lagardere, a public relations company in Washington, D.C. Another hurdle I've had to overcome in my transition

to the "real world" has been securing employment in the U.S. Canadian students who attend school in the U.S. are eligible for up to 12 months of employment. After that, you need to find a company that will sponsor you for a work visa. I'm currently in my 12-month period after school, and who knows if I'll find a company to sponsor me, but I'm trying to gain as much experience as I can.

My recommendations for employers, career centres or schools

Look at the entire person as opposed to the GPA, work experience or resumé. My undergraduate GPA was not as impressive, but my other attributes I developed during my athletic scholarship made me invaluable as a potential hire. Playing varsity tennis taught me leadership skills, time management and teamwork. Employers and schools need to look at the whole package. Sometimes the most important aspects cannot be expressed on paper.

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Gruesomely delicious dip with black bugs is made for tombstone nibbling

Roasted eggplant and pepper dip with black "bugs" is a gruesomely delicious dip that can be topped off with "tombstone" toast slices. This baba-ganoush-inspired recipe reaches new levels of darkness with rich pomegranate molasses, balanced by heady garlic, cumin, coriander and bell pepper.

Garnished by insect-specks of black sesame or poppy seeds, it will have your guests crawling with excitement inspired from beyond the chip bowl.

1. Preheat oven to 400 F (200 C).

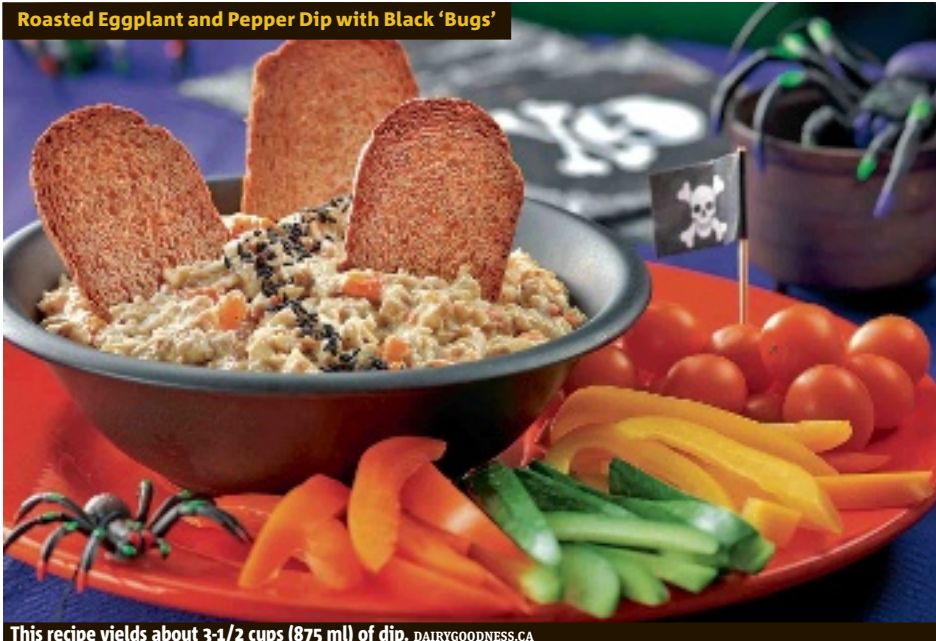
2. Place eggplant directly on oven rack. Place whole pepper, onion and garlic cloves in a small roasting pan and toss olive oil. Roast vegetables for 45 minutes, tossing every 15 minutes, until vegetables are charred and eggplant is deflated (remove garlic and onions as they are roasted; they will be ready before pepper). Remove eggplant from oven with tongs, place in roasting pan with other vegetables, and allow to cool.

Ingredients

- 1 large eggplant (1-1/2 lbs/750 g), pricked all over with a fork
- 1 sweet orange pepper
- 1 onion, quartered
- 4 large cloves garlic
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil
- 1-1/2 tsp each (7 ml) cumin seeds, coriander seeds
- 1-1/2 tsp (7 ml) nigella, black sesame or poppy seeds, divided
- 1-1/2 tsp (7 ml) salt
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 cup (250 ml) thick plain yogurt (Greek)
- 1-1/2 tsp (7 ml) pomegranate molasses
- Flatbread, toasted pita or sliced naan to serve

3. While vegetables are cooling, in a small, dry skillet, combine cumin, coriander and 1 tsp (5 ml) of nigella seeds. Cook over medium heat, shaking pan often for 2 minutes until fragrant and seeds begin to pop. Transfer to mortar and pestle (alternatively use spice grinder

Roasted Eggplant and Pepper Dip with Black 'Bugs'



This recipe yields about 3-1/2 cups (875 ml) of dip. DAIRYGOODNESS.CA

or place in a bowl and crush with the back of spoon) and grind until seeds are crushed, but not perfectly smooth.

4. When vegetables are cool enough to handle, cut egg-

plant and scoop out flesh onto a cutting board. Peel, core and de-seed pepper and place flesh on board with onion and garlic cloves. Roughly chop everything together and scoop into a serving bowl. Stir in toasted

seeds, salt, lemon juice, yogurt and pomegranate molasses. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate for up to 2 days. Top with remaining nigella seeds arranging as bugs.

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Drink of the Week

Dark and Gloomy Blueberry Smoothie

This gloomy-coloured smoothie, perfect for a spooky Halloween breakfast, is packed with blueberries, bananas, milk and a handful of spinach. Halloween, after all, is all about disguises!

- 1-1/2 cups (375 ml) milk
- 1-1/2 cups (375 ml) loosely packed fresh baby spinach
- 1 cup (250 ml) frozen blueberries
- 1 banana, peeled
- Pinch ground nutmeg
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) pure maple syrup, or to taste

In a blender, combine milk, spinach, blueberries, banana, nutmeg and maple syrup and blend until smooth. Add more maple syrup, if desired.

Serve immediately.



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Feed your little monsters sweet pots of mud and savoury bones

Pots of Mud

1. In bowl, stir together peanut butter, hot fudge sauce,

half-and-half (more or less depending on desired consistency), and graham cracker

Ingredients

Pots of Mud

- 1 cup chunky peanut butter
- 1/2 cup hot fudge sauce
- 4 to 6 tbsp half-and-half
- 1/2 cup graham cracker crumbs
- Cookie sticks or pretzels

Bay Bones

- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tbsp Italian seasoning
- 17.3-oz package frozen puff pastry, thawed

crumbs. Spoon into small cups, such as shot glasses, and serve with pretzels and cookie sticks for dipping.

Bay Bones

1. Heat the oven to 400 F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper or spritz lightly with cooking spray.

2. In bowl, combine the Parmesan with Italian seasoning.

3. On floured surface, unfold

1 sheet of the puff pastry. Very lightly moisten surface of pastry with water. Sprinkle half Parmesan mix over it. Using sharp knife, cut the dough into 1/2-inch strips. One at a time, grab each strip by its ends and twist once or twice to create a spiral. Arrange the strips on the prepared baking sheet, leaving about a 1/2 inch between them. Repeat the process with the second sheet of pastry and remaining Parmesan mixture.



This recipe makes 12 pots of mud. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, or until golden brown and crisp.

Allow to cool slightly before serving. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MLB

Leyland to return to Tigers on one-year deal

Jim Leyland insisted throughout the latter part of the season that there would be a time and a place to discuss his managing future.

That moment came Tuesday — when the Detroit Tigers announced Leyland would be back in 2013 with a one-year contract extension.

“I really don’t know why this is such a shock to everybody, because we told everybody that we weren’t going to talk about this until after the season,” Leyland said. “It’s not even 48 hours and it’s done. I think it was pretty much exactly like we had planned it.”

The Tigers and their manager quickly ended any remaining speculation about his status, just two days after Detroit was swept by the San Francisco Giants in the World Series. Leyland was managing on a one-year deal this year as well.

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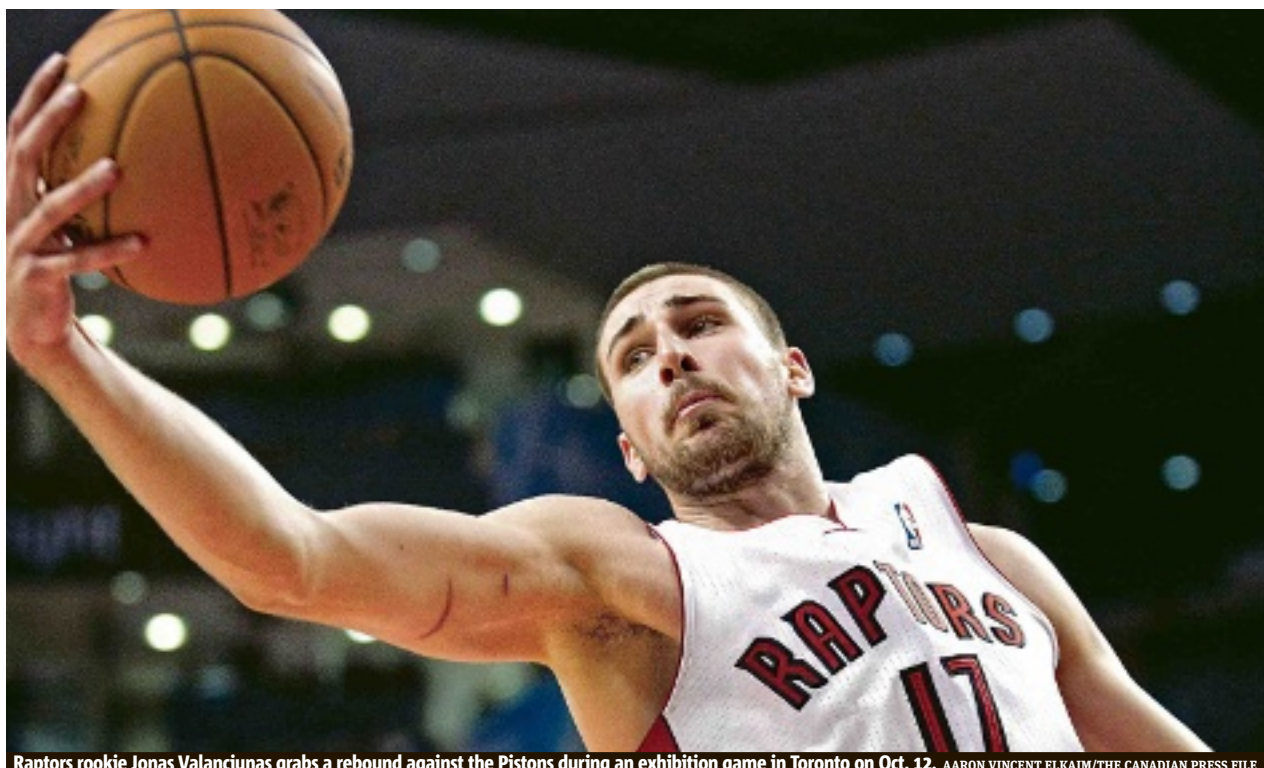
MLB

Romero’s rough season ends with elbow surgery

As Ricky Romero struggled through his disastrous 2012 season, it was often speculated he must have been hurt. Now we know he was.

The Blue Jays’ 27-year-old left-hander had arthroscopic surgery two weeks ago to “clean up” scar tissue that had built up in his left elbow, he and the club announced Tuesday.

Romero admitted he pitched through soreness on the outside of his elbow through most of the season, but said he wasn’t sure if it caused his poor performance. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Raptors rookie Jonas Valanciunas grabs a rebound against the Pistons during an exhibition game in Toronto on Oct. 12. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Raps’ Valanciunas not sweating NBA debut

NBA. Big Lithuanian rookie ‘not feeling big pressure’ ahead of clash with Pacers

Jonas Valanciunas couldn’t have envisioned such an NBA debut when he was drafted nearly a year and a half ago.

Not only will he start in the Raptors’ season opener Wednesday, matching up against an NBA all-star, the Lithuanian centre is being touted as the future of the franchise for a team aching to get back to the playoffs for the first time in five years.

That’s a lot sitting on the shoulders of a 20-year-old — but Valanciunas sounds up to the task.

Quoted

“The fans of Toronto will love him just because he hits first and asks questions later. Maybe too much so.”

Raptors head coach Dwane Casey on Jonas Valanciunas

“I’m not feeling big pressure,” he said in his thick Lithuanian accent. “I feel small pressure because we need to win, because everybody is expecting us to win now because no hockey, everybody is going to be concentrating on basketball.

“But it’s just basketball. You have to step on the court and do your things. If you’re going to think about pressure, or what the guys (are) talking about you, it’s not going to be good.”

Valanciunas will battle 2012 all-star Roy Hibbert when the

Raptors host the Indiana Pacers in their season-opener on Wednesday. The Toronto rookie will make his long-awaited debut after the Raptors selected him fifth overall in the 2011 draft but left him in Lithuania for another season of development.

Raptors coach Dwane Casey admitted he’s nervous for his young player.

“I want Jonas to do well, I want him to perform well, and he’s going against an experienced guy who knows all the tricks,” Casey said after Tuesday’s practice at the Air

Canada Centre. “It’s experience against inexperience, but this is the only way this young man is going to learn. Throw him out there in the fire, let him make his mistakes, and learn from them.”

Valanciunas is one of three new starters for Toronto — the others are Kyle Lowry and Landry Fields. Valanciunas earned his spot with strong play in the pre-season, making five starts and averaging 8.3 points and 6.8 rebounds.

“I was not expecting to be the coach’s starting centre, I expected just 10 minutes, and he’s giving me a lot, so I feel really great,” Valanciunas said. “I feel support from the coach, from the players; it’s amazing.

“I think this is the best spot for me to play basketball.”

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NBA. Irving leads path in Cavs’ opening-night win

Kyrie Irving scored 29 points, Anderson Varejao had a career-high 23 rebounds and the Cleveland Cavaliers opened the season with a 94-84 victory over the short-handed Washington Wizards on Tuesday night in the first game on the NBA schedule.

Rookie Dion Waiters added 17 points for the Cavs, who led by 16 in the third quarter but needed big plays from Irving and Varejao in the final minutes to hold off the Wizards.

Varejao had a career-high nine assists.

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Cavaliers point guard Kyrie Irving makes a pass on Tuesday in Cleveland. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Knicks’ Stoudemire’s season sidetracked by injury already

Amare Stoudemire could be sidelined for two months, the second straight season the New York Knicks forward will miss significant time because of injury.

The Knicks said Tuesday that Stoudemire would have left knee surgery and could be out six to eight weeks, more than twice as long as originally estimated when he was hurt during the pre-season.

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Hockey. Simmonds the target of racism once again in Czech league

The Czech Republic’s ice hockey federation says it has fined a club after its fans aimed racist chants toward Philadelphia Flyers winger Wayne Simmonds, who is playing in the top Czech league during the NHL lockout.

In a statement issued Tuesday, the federation said the Chomutov Pirates were fined 30,000 koruna (\$1,554) by its disciplinary committee for the chants directed toward Simmonds, who currently plays for the Liberec White Tigers.

The incident took place dur-



Wayne Simmonds
GETTY IMAGES FILE

ing Sunday’s game between the Pirates and the Tigers.

Chomutov has apologized to Simmonds and said the club would take measures to prevent such

abuse in the future. Last year, a banana was thrown at Simmonds from the stands during an NHL pre-season game in London, Ont. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Lockout

Players get escrow
before missing
another pay period

Locked-out NHL players had the pain of missing their first full pay period offset Tuesday when they received last season's escrow cheque.

Players were returned 7.98 per cent of what they earned last year, plus interest, one day before their second paycheck of the 2012-13 season would have been due, according to a spokesman for the NHL Players' Association.

The escrow payments amount to about \$80,000 for every million dollars a player earned — before deductions. For example, New York Rangers forward Brad Richards grossed approximately \$960,000 after being the league's highest-paid player last season.

Under the terms of the expired collective bargaining agreement, NHL players had a portion of their salaries deducted throughout the season and placed into an escrow account.

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Part-time goalie working OT for locked-out players

Hockey. 45-year-old doing his part in keeping pros sharp

The first time real-estate agent and part-time goalie Greg Partchenko walked into a dressing room filled with NHLers, you could hear a puck drop.

"The first day, I walk in and I hear all the guys talking away and it goes silent," says Partchenko. "You can hear the guys thinking, 'Who's this guy?'"

"I just said, 'Hi.'"

Big, burly and in his mid-40s, Partchenko put on his equipment, went out on the ice and started what amounts to a part-time hobby as a goalie for NHL stars.

"The next day, Matt Stajan came to me and said, 'When we first looked at you we said, who the heck is this guy? When you got out there it was like, this guy can stop pucks.'"

That was a couple of years ago when Partchenko, 45, got

a call from a mutual friend of Matt Nichol, the former Leaf trainer who runs a camp for pros in the summer. Like shiny players everywhere, they needed a goalie.

"(On Friday), we didn't have a goalie. It's not as fun," says Leafs forward Matthew Lombardi. "You need a goalie. It makes it better for us."

Now that the lockout has sidelined NHLers everywhere, Partchenko's regular two-week gig in August has stretched out a couple of months. He's gotten to know the likes of Phil Kessel, Mike Cammalleri and Dion Phaneuf.

"You're thinking, 'Are these guys going to take it easy on me, are they going to go hard? If I feel like I'm having a bad day, do these guys want me to come back? Am I putting

up enough competition for them?'" wonders Partchenko. "At the end of the day, they go, 'Yep, you're doing all right.'"

It's been mostly Maple Leafs and Toronto residents like Cammalleri and Tomas Kaberle working out at the local rink — they're not at the Maple Leafs-operated MasterCard Centre anymore.

There's a bit of a rotation among the goalies working out at the Toronto camp. Team Canada women's national goalie Christina Kessler has been coming out lately, as well as some midget-aged goalies.

Andrew Cipollone, 16, of the AAA North York Rangers, was on the ice on Monday — skipping school in the process — for his first day with the pros. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Goalie Greg Partchenko with new Maple Leafs centre Jay McClement during a scrimmage with locked-out NHL players in Toronto on Tuesday.

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SOCCER MLS

WILD CARDS

Wednesday's game
Houston at Chicago, 9 p.m.
Thursday's game
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

ENGLAND

LEAGUE CUP

Yesterday's results
Leeds 4 Southampton 0
Reading 5 Arsenal 7 (ET)
Sunderland 0 Middlesbrough 1
Swindon 2 Aston Villa 3
Wigan 0 Bradford 0
(Bradford advances 4-2 on penalties)

GERMANY

GERMAN CUP

SECOND ROUND
Yesterday's results
Aalen 1 Borussia Dortmund 4
Berliner AK 0 1860 Munich 3
Eintracht Braunschweig 0 Freiburg 2
Havelse 1 Bochum 3
Mainz 2 Erzgebirge Aue 0
Preussen Muenster 0 Augsburg 1
Schalke 3 Sandhausen 0
Wormatia Worms 0 Cologne 0 AET
(Cologne wins 4-3 on penalties)

ITALY

SERIE A

Yesterday's result
Palermo 2 AC Milan 2

SCOTLAND

LEAGUE CUP

Yesterday's result
Celtic 5 St. Johnstone 0
Aberdeen 2 St. Mirren 2
(St. Mirren won 4-2 on penalty kicks)

NBA

Tuesday's results
Washington at Cleveland
Boston at Miami
Dallas at L.A. Lakers
Wednesday's games
All Times Eastern
Denver at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Houston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Chicago, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Utah, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
New York at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.

CFL

WEEK 18

EAST DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt		
y-Montreal	17	11	6	0	467	470	22		
x-Toronto	17	8	9	0	402	451	16		
Hamilton	17	6	11	0	498	533	12		
Winnipeg	17	5	12	0	357	520	10		

WEST DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt		
y-B.C.	17	12	5	0	462	348	24		
x-Calgary	17	11	6	0	505	403	22		
x-Saskatchewan	17	8	9	0	451	392	16		
Edmonton	17	7	10	0	395	420	14		

x — Clinched playoff berth.
y — Clinched division.
Sunday's result
Montreal 27 Edmonton 25
Saturday's results
Hamilton 28 Winnipeg 18
Toronto 31 Saskatchewan 26
Friday's result
Calgary 41 B.C. 21

WEEK 19

Thursday, Nov. 1 — All Times Eastern
Hamilton at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 2
Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 3
Montreal at Winnipeg, 3 p.m.
Saskatchewan at B.C., 10 p.m.
END OF CFL REGULAR SEASON

TENNIS

ATP

BNP PARIBAS MASTERS

At Paris, France
Singles
First Round
Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 6-0, 6-3.
Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, def. Jurgen Melzer, Austria, 7-6 (2), 6-2.
Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, def. Roberto Bautista-Agut, Spain, 6-4, 7-5.
Michael Llodra, France, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Rep., 7-5,, 6-3.
Igor Sijsling, Netherlands, def. Alexandr Dolgopolov, Ukraine, 6-4, 6-2.
Sam Querrey, U.S., def. Fernando Verdasco, Spain, 6-1, 1-1 retired.

Second Round
Tomas Berdych (5), Czech Rep., def. Andreas Seppi, Italy, 7-6 (6), 6-2.
Jo-Wilfred Tsonga (6), France, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (2).
Jerzy Janowicz, Poland, def. Marin Cilic (13), Croatia, 7-6 (6), 6-2.
Kei Nishikori (15), Japan, def. Benoit Paire, France, 7-6 (2), 6-2.
Stanislav Wawrinka (16), Switzerland, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 6-3, 6-2.

Doubles
First Round
Philipp Kohlschreiber and Florian Mayer, Germany, def. Paul Hanley, Australia, and Jonathan Marray, Britain, 7-5, 6-1.
Feliciano Lopez, Spain, and Nenad Zimonjic, Serbia, def. Michael Llodra and Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, 6-4, 4-6, 11-9.

AHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt	
Manchester	6	5	1	0	0	23	11	10	
St. John's	8	4	4	0	0	21	26	8	
Portland	7	3	3	1	0	31	29	7	
Worcester	7	2	4	0	1	20	27	5	
Providence	6	2	4	0	0	13	20	4	

NORTHEAST DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt	
Springfield	7	5	1	0	1	21	12	11	
Bridgeport	6	4	2	0	0	19	20	8	
Connecticut	7	3	3	1	0	27	26	7	
Adirondack	7	3	4	0	0	18	26	6	
Albany	6	2	4	0	0	14	14	4	

EAST DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt	
Norfolk	6	5	1	0	0	23	15	10	
Syracuse	7	4	1	1	1	25	25	10	
Binghamton	7	3	3	1	0	16	20	7	
Hershey	7	3	3	1	0	21	21	7	
W-B/Scranton	7	2	5	0	0	17	20	4	

Wednesday's game — All Times Eastern
Charlotte at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Thursday's games
Lake Erie at Peoria, 8:05 p.m.
Toronto at Abbotsford, 10 p.m.
Friday's games
Syracuse at Adirondack, 7 p.m.
Connecticut at Albany, 7 p.m.
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton at Manchester, 7 p.m.
Hershey at Springfield, 7 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BOSTON RED SOX—Named Brian Butterfield third base coach.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with RHP Jake Peavy on a two-year contract. Exercised the 2013 contract option on RHP Gavin Floyd. Declined 2013 contract options of RHP Brett Myers and 3B Kevin Youkilis.
DETROIT TIGERS—Signed manager Jim Leyland to a one-year contract. Exercised the 2013 contract options on RHP Octavio Dotel and SS Jhonny Peralta.
OKLAND ATHLETICS—Announced LHP Dallas Braden and RHP Joey Devine cleared outright waivers, refused outright assignments to Sacramento (PCL) and elected to become free agents.
TEXAS RANGERS—Declined 2013 contract options for RHP Scott Feldman and RHP Yoshinori Tateyama. Reinstated RHP Neftali Feliz from the 60-day DL. Selected the contract of RHP Justin Miller from Round Rock (PCL).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ATLANTA BRAVES—Exercised the 2013 contract options on RHP Tim Hudson, C Brian McCann and LHP Paul Maholm.
CHICAGO CUBS—Named Derek Johnson minor league pitching co-ordinator.

NBA

NBA—Suspended Los Angeles Clippers G Matt Barnes one game for pleading nolo contendere, in California state court, to resisting, delaying or obstructing an officer in the discharge of his duties.
CHICAGO BULLS—Exercised its third-year option for G-F Jimmy Butler.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

NORTH DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt	
Rochester	8	5	2	1	0	33	29	11	
Abbotsford	7	4	1	0	2	25	16	10	
Lake Erie	8	5	3	0	0	27	19	10	
Hamilton	6	3	2	1	0	15	18	7	
Toronto	6	3	2	0	1	17	17	7	

MIDWEST DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt	
Chicago	8	5	2	1	0	21	22	11	
Rockford	8	4	3	0	1	21	21	9	
Grand Rapids	7	2	3	1	1	24	28	6	
Peoria	7	2	4	1	0	10	24	5	
Milwaukee	6	2	4	0	0	12	18	4	

SOUTH DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt	
Charlotte	8	6	1	0	1	32	18	13	
Houston	7	4	2	1	0	27	19	9	
Okla. City	7	4	3	0	0	24	22	8	
Texas	7	3	4	0	0	15	23	6	
San Antonio	7	2	4	0	1	14	20	5	

Worcester at Providence, 7:05 p.m.
Hamilton at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.
Binghamton at Norfolk, 7:30 p.m.
St. John's at Portland, 7:30 p.m.
Lake Erie at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Houston at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Rockford, 8:05 p.m.
Grand Rapids at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at Abbotsford, 10 p.m.

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Exercised third-year options on G Ricky Rubio and F Derrick Williams for the 2013-14 season.
UTAH JAZZ—Exercised the contract option of coach Tyrone Corbin through the 2013-14 season.

NFL

CHICAGO BEARS—Signed WR Raymond Radway to the practice squad. Terminated the practice squad contract of WR Joe Anderson.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Placed DL Emmanuel Stephens on injured reserve.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Traded WR Mike Thomas to Detroit for an undisclosed draft pick.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Released WR Anthony Armstrong.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released LB Bobby Carpenter.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Placed WR Ben Obomanu on injured reserve. Released CB Danny Gorrer. Promoted WR Jermaine Kearse and OT Michael Person from the practice squad.
Signed WR Phil Bates to the practice squad.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Placed G Carl Nicks and TE Danny Noble on injured reserve. Promoted G Roger Allen from the practice squad.

AHL

LEAGUE OFFICE — Suspended San Antonio RW Andre Deveaux one game for his actions following the conclusion of an Oct. 28 game at Rockford.

SOCCER

U.S. SOCCER — Named Tom Sermanni women's national team coach.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	3	0	.625	262	170
Miami	4	3	0	.571	150	126
Buffalo	3	4	0	.429	171	227
N.Y. Jets	3	5	0	.375	168	200

SOUTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	6	1	0	.857	216	128
Indianapolis	4	3	0	.571	136	171
Tennessee	3	5	0	.375	162	257
Jacksonville	1	6	0	.143	103	188

NORTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	174	161
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.571	167	144
Cincinnati	3	4	0	.429	166	187
Cleveland	2	6	0	.250	154	186

WEST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	4	3	0	.571	204	152
San Diego	3	4	0	.429	154	144
Oakland	3	4	0	.429	139	187
Kansas City	1	6	0	.143	120	209

WEEK EIGHT

Monday's result
San Francisco 24 Arizona 3
Sunday's results
Green Bay 24 Jacksonville 15
Indianapolis 19 Tennessee 13, OT
Chicago 23 Carolina 22
Miami 30 N.Y. Jets 9
Cleveland 7 San Diego 6
Atlanta 30 Philadelphia 17
Detroit 28 Seattle 24
Pittsburgh 27 Washington 12
New England 45 St. Louis 7
Oakland 26 Kansas City 16
N.Y. Giants 29 Dallas 24
Denver 34 New Orleans 13
Thursday's result
Tampa Bay 36 Minnesota 17

LATE MONDAY

49ERS 24 CARDINALS 3

San Francisco	7	10	7	0	—24
Arizona	0	0	3	0	—3
First Quarter					
First Quarter					
SF—Crabtree 3 pass from Ale.Smith (Akers kick), 1:53.					
Second Quarter					
SF—FG Akers 43, 5:58.					
SF—Crabtree 9 pass from Ale.Smith (Akers kick), 1:41.					
Third Quarter					
SF—Moss 47 pass from Ale.Smith (Akers kick), 7:27.					
Ar—FG Feely 28, :57.					
Attendance—62,810.					
TEAM STATISTICS	SF			Ari	
FIRST DOWNS	15			16	
Rushing	4			0	
Passing	10			15	
Penalty	1			1	
THIRD DOWN EFF	6-12			2-14	
FOURTH DOWN EFF	0-0			2-4	
TOTAL NET YARDS	317			265	
Total Plays	52			65	
Avg Gain	6.1			4.1	
NET YARDS RUSHING	113			7	

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EAST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
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Philadelphia	3	4	0	.429	120	155
Dallas	3	4	0	.429	137	162
Washington	3	5	0	.375	213	227

SOUTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	7	0	0	1.000	201	130
Tampa Bay	3	4	0	.429	184	153
New Orleans	2	5	0	.286	190	216
Carolina	1	6	0	.143	128	167

NORTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	6	1	0	.857	185	100
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Toronto firm Baka Communications' huge grid of solar panels above their new-age filling station is one of the biggest in North America. ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Sing it – I'm driving on sunshine!



These 30-amp Eaton chargers can fully juice a Chevrolet Volt in about four hours. On typical household current it would take 12 hours.

Autopilot



AUTO PILOT
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Being the centre of our part of the universe, the sun has always maintained a pretty big ego. But we must let that slide, because it's always been quite generous about sharing its energy.

Flora and fauna have long ago figured out how to directly use the sun's energy. Cars, not so much. Solar-powered cars are coming, but they're still science experiments.

There has always been the indirect way — grabbing solar-generated electricity to throw on the grid,

and then letting electric cars draw power from that grid.

It's a strategy that is gaining more and more traction these days, due to clean energy issues and the subsequent and rising popularity of the modern electrical-driven automobile.

A big case in point is the structure that suddenly appeared last week on the premises of Baka Communications. The Toronto-firm is billing it as the largest solar charging station in Canada that is not run by a government or utility-company entity. It's also among the largest in North America.

"We also have the largest private fleet of Chevrolet Volts in Canada," says Baka's president, John Marion. At the station's ribbon-cutting ceremony on Oct. 23, eight of the Volts were simultaneously charged,

showing off the eight available charging stations, positioned under the carport's massive 20-kilowatt solar-panel roof.

Marion initiated the project after installing some solar panels at his house. It got him thinking about what he could do in the same green vein at the office.

"Next year, we're scheduled to do our rooftop project, an 80-kilowatt system," adds Marion. "When you combine them, they'll be able to provide 50 per cent of our total electrical needs at this location, including the full charging of all nine cars for 20-kilowatt-per-year driving."

The electric fleet and the two big solar panels will set the company back about \$1 million dollars. Marion obviously feels the investment is justified.

"At the end of the day, I want to promote green ... When we're bidding for work, clients want to know how green you are. We do a lot of green things, like recycling and conservation. Those are the norms. But nobody can come close to what we're doing. At the same time, it's got to be in you. It's in me."

It's in Marion so much he wants to make Baka an "evangelist for the environmental movement." In this regard, Baka is blessed by its location adjacent to the much-travelled 427 Highway — about 275,000 vehicles a day will pass by the firm's electric carport.

"We hope a lot of people will see it, to ultimately create discussion and awareness that solar powered charging stations are actually here. We also hope that Saas' phone rings

off the hook, because we should have more of these."

The Saas in question is Saas Perez of Renewz Sustainable Solutions, which built and created Baka's system. Perez says the station is the first in North America to be based on a combination of Italian structural technology and North American electrical technology.

The company will be introducing a home version in 2013. Also unique will be the ability to reserve a charging station via a mobile device, but only when Baka is ready to give public access to these charging stations.

How will Baka charge public users for charging? Marion said they wouldn't have to pay. Why no payment I can't help but ask...

"Because it's free," says Marion, pointing to the sky.

Parts dept: Gadgets galore

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Keep your top clean

A convertible is an especially cool set of wheels, but a dirty or discoloured top can really mess up the image. Keep your lid clean with RagTop convertible top cleaner and vinyl top protector from Wolfsteins Pro Series products. The company's Fabric Convertible Care Kit includes one bottle of cleaner plus one bottle of protectant that can be used on vinyl as well as fabric tops and plastic convertible rear windows. The kit usually sells in the \$30 range and is available through a number of online resellers. You can scope out the full list as well as other Wolfsteins' cleaning products at wolfsteins.com.

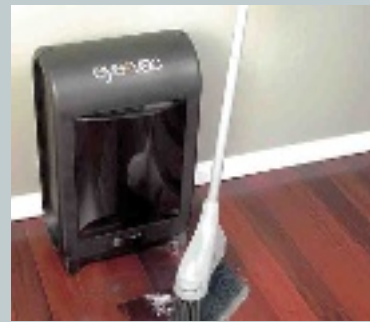


Toolbox on your key chain

It's always a smart idea to keep a few tools handy in case of an emergency, but should you really store them dangling from the end of a key chain? That's exactly where you'll find them when you own the BodyGard seven-in-one mini-feature tool from swisstools.com. This device comes with a seatbelt cutter, glass breaker, flashlight, high-decibel warning alert, emergency flasher, thermometer and tire-pressure gauge. The product is actually small and light enough to dangle from your key chain (you just give it a sharp tug to release), so you'll always know where to find it if, or when, you need it. Pick one up for \$40 from any Brookstone, L.L. Bean or Radio Shack store, as well as by shopping amazon.com.

Garage cleanliness sorted

Keeping your garage floor clean of debris seems like a constant battle. Why not make the job easier with the Eye-Vac automatic vacuum. The electric powered 13-inch-by-7.5-inch canister with its 1,400-watt motor can be placed in any out-of-the-way spot. All you do is sweep the dirt and debris over to the vacuum and a sensor on the unit automatically activates the suction motor. The bagless trash containment area includes a cleanable HEPA filter designed to keep dust to a minimum. The Eye-Vac is priced at \$100 from smarthome.com.



Assistance for changing a flat

Having to deal with changing a flat tire isn't much fun, regardless of where or when it occurs. But you can make the chore somewhat easier with the Roadside Automatic Jack from Automotive Specialty Tools. Once the jack has been positioned beneath one of your vehicle's lift points (check your owner's manual), you simply plug the seven-foot electrical cord into the cigarette lighter socket (or similar power source) and activate the control button. In seconds the jack's motor will have the flat tire in the air, making it ready for removal and installation of the spare. Order yours for \$70 from etoolcart.com.

School safety is everyone's concern

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All schools should play their part and create designated drop-off zones

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Take note

- Be vigilant.** If you observe someone driving unsafely in a school zone, it's best to report it to the school office or police rather than confront the driver.
- Do your bit.** Suggest to your school that students and parents be aware of designated drop-off zones and safety procedures when in or around them.

Children go to school to learn, but sometimes their parents could use some lessons as well.

According to a recent survey, some 80 per cent of parents have witnessed drivers breaking the law in school zones, including speeding, texting while driving, not stopping at crosswalks, or not stopping for crossing guards.

"People have the best intentions and they want to do what's best for the children, but they have busy lives and they get distracted," says Gail Robertson, road safety ambassador for InsuranceHunter.ca.

"It's a matter of getting people to stop and think about their irresponsible behaviour behind the wheel."

The survey, which was conducted in Ontario and Alberta, uncov-

ered more disturbing statistics.

Some 29 per cent of parents would be hurt being picked up or dropped off, and 21 per cent said they had to stop or swerve to avoid hitting a student who was walking on or near school property.

While driving behaviour is a major issue, Robertson says that schools need to play a part in safety as well.

"One-quarter of people indicated that their school doesn't have a designated drop-off or pickup zone," she says. "The next step will be for parents to talk to their schools and open that dialogue, or to the school board."

Of those parents surveyed, 43 per cent said that the drop-off zones at their children's schools were overcrowded, and only

34 per cent described the zones as safe.

Robertson also suggests that, when possible, it may be safest for children to walk to school. Almost half of the children in the survey who are driven to school live less than one kilometre away. Carpooling, if possible, can also help to reduce the number of vehicles at the school.

"The idea is to have as few cars as possible at the school," Robertson says.

"We're realistic that there will never be no cars, but if you're going to drive, make sure you obey traffic laws and don't put your children in a tough spot where there's a corner or a red light and you say, 'Jump out now.'"

"You have to focus on the task on hand, which is getting your child safely to school."



Always keep the kids in mind when driving to school. PHOTO FROM InsuranceHunter.ca

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The art of parts chasing in style

Autoknow. New York City and parts chasing ... sounds like the perfect mini vacation wrapped up into a work trip

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Parts chasing most likely began the very second that the very first stone wheel was carved.

Parts chasing is the art of finding stuff you need ... and going to get it. With cell-phone

cams and video, email and eBay, you might not have to look very long for parts, but you still might have to travel far — very far — to get them.

So when a certain project vehicle requires a set of specific hard-to-find seats to get the interior under way, it doesn't take very long to locate them ... 1,491 kilometres away in Baltimore, Md. And then there's that fateful phrase: "Local pickup only."

Another wonderful piece of online technology called Mapquest tallies up the distance, shows you the route and even gives you an idea of how

many hours or days of work you'll need to ditch so you can make the trip.

This is truly amazing when you think about how people chased down parts 15 years ago: vague rumours; detective work; guessing; no photos and aimlessly roaming the countryside in search of treasure, which was largely just junk.

Now, however, one phone call to Beltsville Auto Recyclers in Baltimore and the trip was on to secure what appeared to be the only available 2008 Chrysler Sebring front bucket seats on the face of the Earth that were not actually attached

to the rest of the Sebring.

Like most normal businesses with a front door, Beltsville isn't open on the weekend, which just happens to be the only convenient time for two road-trippers to make the pick-up.

"Well then, we'll be there Monday morning at 8 a.m. and then drive like H-E-double-hockey-sticks to get back home for Tuesday."

A Beltsville staffer says he'll have the seats on a palette and ready to roll so it's time to hit the road. But while parts chasing 15 years ago — usually closer to home — might have

taken a few hours on a weekend in an old half-ton truck, today we require a comfortable ride that can handle the load for 32 hours of driving and not, repeat not, consume the hotel budget via the gas tank.

Hotel budget? Although parts chasing is not exactly a dream vacation, a little creative thinking puts the fearless transporters in the middle of New York City for the weekend preceding the pick-up.

It might also be necessary to break up 32 hours of driving and perhaps the only way to entice a co-pilot to come along for the ride.

Chevy Traverse

Making the grade



When you basically live in a vehicle for four days, this is what the console top looks like.

The only vehicle that makes the grade for such a trek is a wagon that's large enough to pack enough laundry, road snacks, iPods, computer gear and two extra seats for four days of tolerable travel. Fifteen years ago, we would have likely picked a Chevrolet Suburban for the task, but since gas money no longer grows on trees, there are many more offerings today that are also thrifty-ish, which certainly factors into whether picking up seats located 1,491 kilometres away is a fiscally intelligent move in the first place.

So, from our press fleet we select a Chevrolet Traverse — the current model and not the tweaked 2013 edition — which is similar to the GMC Acadia and the fashion-statement Buick Enclave. The seven-passenger rig is loaded up with leather seats, two sunroofs, climate control, DVD entertainment, a punchy stereo, but sadly no navigation, and comes with a 288-horsepower 3.6-litre V6. By the way, that's more power than the V8 Suburban from 15 years ago.

No matter what vehicle you compare it to, the Traverse is large, certainly one of the biggest in class, and its slightly nose-heavy feel hints at that. However, the vehicle absolutely excels at comfy low-stress highway cruising and wading through the torrential rains that plague the better part of the getting-there leg. A smooth ride with a slightly soft rear suspension will keep long-distance travelers fresh and alert, which is handy when heading into New York City with the attitude that a map is somehow optional.

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The Chevrolet Traverse easily swallows two bucket seats. Since shipping wasn't an option, a 3,000-kilometre drive to get them was the only way. Road trip! ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED



Interstate highways make for fast driving, but you'll never see something as grand as Yale campus in New Haven, Conn., if you don't take some time to smell the roses.



This is what a \$650-a-night room looks like in Manhattan. Good thing the Traverse is good on fuel.



Fast food is the typical parts-chaser diet, but stay fresh by exploring and trying some new dishes.

Traverse+parts hunting=awesome

Arriving — eventually — at The Plaza hotel in Manhattan against an unrelenting river of taxicabs and rainfall, the Traverse was somewhat out-gunned by a Rolls-Royce parked in behind, but it nicely acquitted itself in terms of cargo space and real-world functionality once at Beltsville two days later to pick up the seats.

- As with most cargo areas, the Traverse's is lined with soft textured plastic that is very easy to mark up, which, to the casual observer appears as premature wear or even abuse, even after a very short time. To reduce the ugliness, you need to strap down any right-angled cargo and even cover the edges with tape to prevent damage to the paneling.
- The big news, of course, is the vehicle's solid fuel economy, about 9.8 l/100 km on the highway for this all-wheel-driver (the standard model is



Well ... you can't fit two Sebring bucket seats in the back of a Rolls, now can you.

front-wheel-drive), especially relative to the Traverse's large stature and Sebring-seat toting prowess. Part of this comes from an engine update that moves the fuel injectors into the combustion chambers from the intake-manifold ports. With advanced engine management (a hotshot computer), the Traverse runs with very little fuel

when cruising and at the same time the improved combustion efficiency aids power.

- What's not to like? Line the cargo area with plywood and the Traverse is the modern version of a parts-chaser ride, no matter how far you have to go or what route technology has you taking to get there.

CTS most important Cadillac of our time — just avoid the 2003

Second gear. CTS owners often recommend against first-year models

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At its launch, the Cadillac CTS was a cost-effective alternative to a European machine for its North American buyers — and it competed largely with the likes of BMW, Audi and Mercedes. In addition to posing a threat to its competition, the CTS's big story was its styling — which showed off the brand's new visual language and striking, angular lines. Look for features like a Bose audio system, navigation, xenon lighting, a sunroof and heated seats. Dual-zone automatic climate control was standard.

Common issues

CTS's problems come across as relatively minor in the grand scheme of higher-tech luxury cars. As with many all-new vehicles, headaches tend to be more prevalent early on — so avoid the first year (2003) CTS.

The variable effort steering solenoid in 2003 models is prone to failure, resulting in a "service steering system" warning light. A fuel gauge problem may result in an empty reading after a fill-up if the engine is left running in the process.

Any groaning, moaning, clicking or grinding noise from the vehicle's rear end should be questioned, and the particular unit avoided unless the differential gets a 'thumbs up' from a Cadillac mechanic. Finally, check the automatic transmission for signs of a troublesome leak which could cause damage or failure.



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What owners like

↑ Styling, value, feature content and comfort are typically highly-rated by CTS owners. Performance with the larger V6 engine is also noted to be a positive.

What owners dislike

↓ Some owners wish for a more upscale cabin, larger rear seats and better mileage.

The verdict

Avoid the 2003 and look for an extended warranty, and you'll be on your way to enjoying the most important Cadillac model in recent history.

Car details

- **Model.** 2003 to 2007 Cadillac CTS.
- **Vehicle Type.** Luxury Sedan.

- **Engines.** Look for V6 engines with displacement between 2.8 and 3.6 litres, producing

between 210 and 255 horsepower. Manual or automatic transmissions were available.



Interior of CTS. HANDOUT

Don't let fuel efficiency woes weigh you down

The heavier your vehicle is the more energy it needs to move so it makes sense to pay attention to the size and weight of the vehicle you intend to drive. Consider these facts from the office of energy efficiency for vehicles at Natural Resources Canada.

- Heavier vehicles have greater inertia and rolling resistance, which both contribute to increased fuel consumption.

- Reducing weight means reducing fuel consumption.

Increasingly stringent government fuel consumption legislation and evolving consumer choices are making a difference.

- It is increasingly common to see automakers advertising their weight reduction initiatives. Automakers are achieving weight reductions by substituting lighter materials, such as aluminum and advanced composites, as well as vehicle design changes.

- These improvements enable additional weight re-

ductions, since other vehicle components may then be downsized, ultimately leading to engine downsizing with no sacrifice in performance — the less weight you have, the less weight you need.

- Reducing weight means reducing fuel cost. A study by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology found that for every 100 kg weight reduction, the adjusted, combined city/highway fuel consumption could decrease by about 0.4

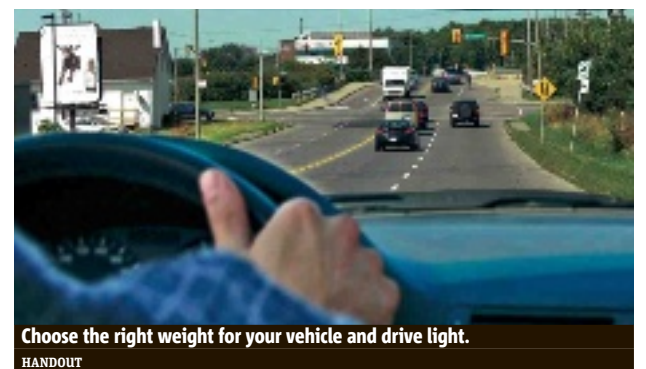
L/100 km for cars, and about 0.5 L/100 km for light trucks.

- Only buy what you need. When possible, choose a smaller vehicle with a smaller, more fuel-efficient engine.

- Don't carry unneeded items in your trunk as the extra weight will up fuel consumption.

Reducing weight is one of the ways you can save on fuel and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. For more tips on fuel efficiency visit oee.nrcan.gc.ca.

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Choose the right weight for your vehicle and drive light.

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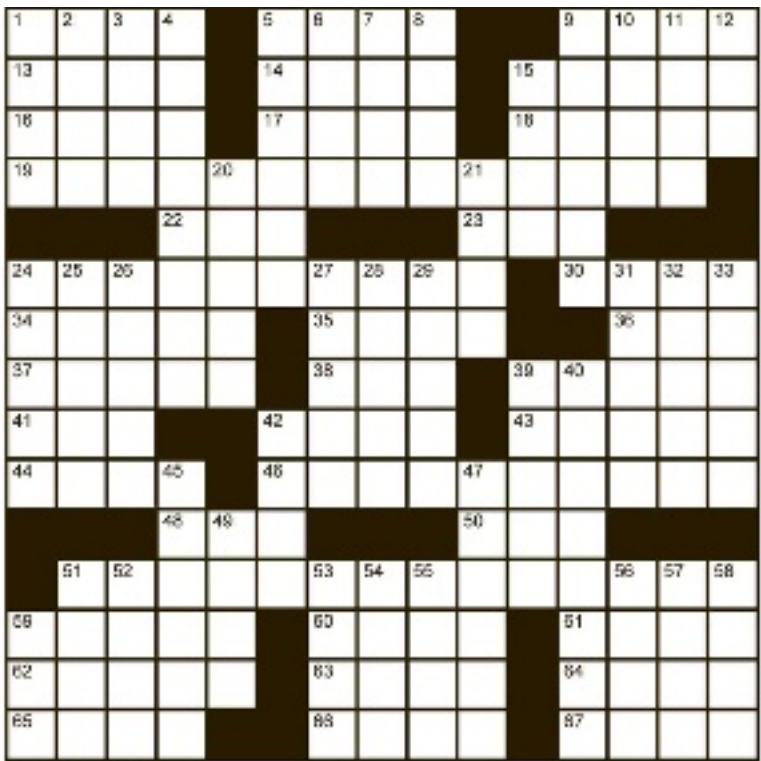
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Cities

- 1960 teenage tragedy hit
60. *Return of the Jedi*
- forest dweller
61. Je t' ____: "I love you"
(Fr.)
62. Aquatic mammal
63. *Scream* star Campbell
64. Mounties, briefly
65. Like a busybody
66. Pre-1917 Russian
leader
67. "For" votes

1. Ankle-to-knee bone
2. Be overly fond
3. "Pretty maids in ____" (2 wds.)
4. Can be understood
5. "Right away!" (3 wds.)
6. Equine youngster
7. Red-wrapped cheese
8. ____ Arnaz: Lucille Ball's husband
9. Prepared parmesan
10. Hard-to-find
11. "Do ____ else!": parent's threat (2 wds.)
12. Aerialist's "insurance"
15. Teeny
20. Fencing swords
21. Negative votes
26. Abu Dhabi neighbour whose capital is Doha
25. "We ____ MSG": restaurant claim (2 wds.)
26. "Jack Sprat could ____ fat ..." (2 wds.)
27. Broadcast alternative
28. Numskull
29. Canine or bicuspid
31. Eightsome
32. Cheech's partner



33. Beetle Bailey's nemesis
39. Explorer ____ Polo
40. Newspaper item
recording a death
42. Yawn-inducing
45. BC's second-largest
city, in the same metro
area as 51-Across
47. Broadway "angel"
49. Our sun, say
51. Canada joined this mu-
tual defense org. in 1949

52. Ins and ____
53. Air passageway
54. Stuns
55. ____ Scotia
56. "Miami ____" : Don
Johnson show or movie
based on it
57. Actress Watson of
Harry Potter movies
58. Salesmen, for short
59. Horror film star Chaney

Yesterday's Crossword



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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

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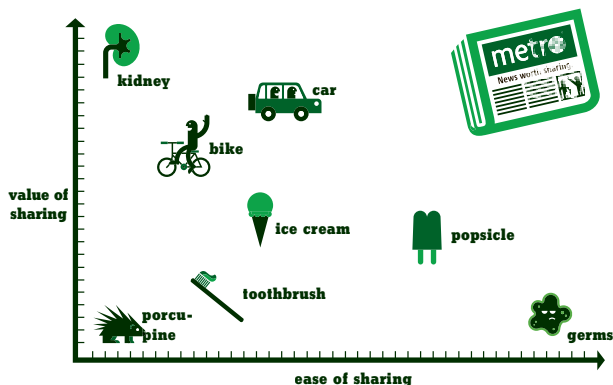
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